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SUBJ: Amman distributes payments of temporary transition
allowance stipend to former Embassy Baghdad staff

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¶1. Per reftel, on January 29 Department approved a public interest determination authorizing a temporary transition allowance to former Embassy Baghdad local staff awaiting refugee processing in Jordan. The first of those payments was disbursed by Embassy Amman on February 7.

¶2. In coordination with Embassy Baghdad, PRM, and the International Organization for Migration, Embassy Amman's Iraq Support Unit located and contacted Baghdad staff in Amman undergoing refugee processing once Embassy Baghdad determined who was eligible for the \$840 stipend. Less than twenty four hours after the first phone call was made, the first payment was disbursed by Amman's Management Section and distributed by the Iraq Support Unit on February 7. Post expects to complete the distribution on February 10.

¶3. Subsequent payments will be disbursed by Embassy Amman at the end of each month. The next payment will be March 31 to those former Baghdad LES determined eligible for the stipend by Embassy Baghdad.

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